

Thursday, May 3, 2007

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
10:00 a.m. For Legislative Business	Last Vote: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Five "One-minutes" Per Side	

Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.

Floor Schedule and Procedure

- **H. Res. 364-Rule to provide for consideration of H.R. 1592 – Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007 (McGovern-Rules)**: The closed rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rep. McGovern and consideration will proceed in the following order:
 - One hour of debate on the rule.
 - Possible vote on a Democratic motion to move the previous question. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on the motion.**
 - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on adoption of the rule.**
- **H.R. 1592 – Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007 (Conyers-Judiciary)**: Pursuant to the rule, debate will be managed by Judiciary Committee Chair Rep. Conyers, or his designee, and will proceed in the following order:
 - One hour of debate on the bill.
 - Possible debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill.
 - Vote on final passage of the bill. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on final passage.**
- **H.R. 1868 – Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007 (Wu-Science and Technology)**: Pursuant to the rule, debate on the bill will be managed by Science and Technology Committee Chair Rep. Bart Gordon, or his designee, and will proceed in the following order:
 - One hour of debate on the bill.
 - Debate and vote(s) on amendments to the bill.
 - Possible debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill.

- Vote on final passage of the bill. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on final passage.**

Bill Summary and Key Issues

H.R. 1592 – Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007

- **Protecting all Americans.** HR 1592 would broaden federal coverage of hate crimes under two scenarios. First, under any circumstance, it would prohibit willfully inflicting bodily injury to any person, attempted or otherwise, through the use of fire, a firearm, explosive, or incendiary device, if such conduct were motivated on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, or national origin of any person. Second, it would prohibit the same conduct, if such conduct were motivated on the basis of the victim's gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability, in addition to the four characteristics enumerated under the first scenario. The reach of the second offense would be limited to specific jurisdictional ties to the interstate Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution, which were outlined in the bill.
- **Equipping Local Law Enforcement.** To assist state, local, or tribal officials with the expenses related to hate crime cases, the bill would authorize the Attorney General to establish a grant program. In implementing this grant program, the bill would direct the Office of Justice Programs to (1) work closely with funded jurisdictions to ensure that the needs of all interested parties were met; and (2) award grants to programs aimed at combating hate crime committed by juvenile offenders. The bill would also set forth certain parameters for the grant application process and would authorize appropriations of \$5 million for FY2006 and FY2007. It would also authorize appropriations for DOJ to hire additional staff to respond to alleged violations of the hate crime provisions described below.
- **Requirements for Federal Prosecution.** For hate crime cases prosecuted federally under these provisions, it would require the Attorney General, or his subordinate, to certify that pertinent state or local officials (1) were unable or unwilling to prosecute; (2) favored federal prosecution; or (3) prosecuted, but the investigation or trial's results did not satisfy the federal interest to combat hate crimes.
- **Statistics.** HR 1592 would amend the HCSA to require that the FBI collect statistics on gender- and gender identity-related bias crimes, as well as juvenile victims and offenders. Under current law, such statistics are collected on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and disability.

H.R. 1868 – TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND MANUFACTURING STIMULATION ACT OF 2007

- Authorizes \$2.5 billion for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for fiscal years 2008-2010;
- Authorizes appropriations for each of the major programs: scientific and technical research and services (the NIST labs), construction and maintenance, the Baldrige National Quality Award Program, the

- Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), and the Technology Innovation Program (TIP) which is established in the bill;
- Establishes a reporting requirement for the NIST Director of a 3-year programmatic planning document and yearly updates, due with the budget submission, that will be commented on by the Visiting Committee of external industry experts;
 - Establishes an MEP advisory board that will comment on the 3-year programmatic planning document and give external advice on the MEP program;
 - Authorizes MEP to accept funds from other agencies and private sources;
 - Creates the Manufacturing Extension Center Competitive Grant Program for MEP Centers to conduct research into manufacturing problems;
 - Establishes the Technology Innovation Program (TIP) to award cost-shared grants to small- and medium-companies and joint ventures of companies, universities and other organizations to pursue high-risk, high-reward technology development with potential broad benefits to the economy;
 - Establishes a TIP advisory board that will comment on the 3-year programmatic planning document and give external advice on the TIP program;
 - Creates a set of manufacturing research fellowships at NIST and a Collaborative Manufacturing Research Pilot Grant program for industry/non-industry collaborations to pursue manufacturing research.

Anticipated Amendments to H.R. 1868 – Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007

Wu (OR)/Gingrey (GA), #3, Manager's Amendment. The amendment makes a number of clarifications to the Technology Innovation Program, including (1) that projects should address critical national needs and be high reward; (2) that TIP should coordinate with State innovation and technology development programs; and (3) a definition of high-risk, high-reward research. (10 minutes)

Wynn (MD), #2, The amendment adds firms and/or entities that are involved in the development and advancement of biotechnology to the definition of technology-related entities eligible for grants under the Technology Innovation Program. (10 minutes)

Manzullo (IL), #5, The amendment would authorize \$2 million for NIST to contract with an outside entity for the design and development of software that would allow users to search various agency databases for a nominal fee via the NIST website to determine what and to whom federal manufacturing R & D dollars are being awarded and also provide basic information about where manufacturers can find assistance. (10 minutes)

Boyda (KS), #7, The amendment highlights that proposed technologies receiving grants under the Technology Innovation Program may include the replacement of petroleum-based materials. (10 minutes)

Boyda (KS), #8, The amendment encourages grants under the Technology Innovation Program to include local and regional universities that are working in collaboration with small- and medium-sized businesses. (10 minutes)

Quote of the Day

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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